

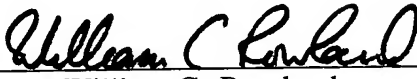
**REMARKS**

The foregoing amendments are made to place the claims in the preferred U.S.  
format and to remove multiple claim dependencies.

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